

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2581

To establish a grant program to support cluster-based economic development efforts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2004

Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To establish a grant program to support cluster-based economic development efforts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR CLUSTER-BASED ECONOMIC DE-**
4 **VELOPMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
6 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et
7 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 214. GRANTS FOR CLUSTER-BASED ECONOMIC DE-**
9 **VELOPMENT.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) CLUSTER.—The term ‘cluster’ means a
2 cluster of entities that are engaged—

3 “(A) in similar industries; and

4 “(B) in joint activities to boost competi-
5 tiveness and growth.

6 “(2) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—The term ‘eligible
7 applicant’ means—

8 “(A) a State or local government;

9 “(B) an institution of higher education; or

10 “(C) a nonprofit economic development or-
11 ganization.

12 “(3) REGION.—The term ‘region’ means an
13 area—

14 “(A) that is determined by the Secretary
15 to qualify for grants under this section; and

16 “(B) that, on the date of submission of an
17 application for a grant under this section, meets
18 1 or more of the criteria described in section
19 301(a).

20 “(b) GRANTS.—On the application of an eligible ap-
21 plicant, the Secretary may make grants—

22 “(1) to assess clusters in a region;

23 “(2) to assess the needs of entities involved in
24 a region;

1 “(3) to market cluster development programs in
2 a region; and

3 “(4) to support staff to operate cluster pro-
4 grams in a region.

5 “(c) MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE FOR EACH REGION.—
6 Not more than \$1,000,000 of the amounts made available
7 to carry out this section may be expended in any 1 region.

8 “(d) COST SHARING.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
10 cost of a project carried out using funds made avail-
11 able under this section shall be 50 percent.

12 “(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not more than
13 50 percent of the non-Federal share of the cost of
14 a project carried out using funds made available
15 under this section may be provided through in-kind
16 contributions.

17 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN SECTION.—
18 Section 204 shall not apply to this section.

19 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
23 tents contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and
24 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121

- 1 note) is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 2 section 213 the following:

“Sec. 214. Grants for cluster-based economic development.”.

